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SUBJECT: High Grade Abrasive Grains and
Grinding Wheels.

Cable Telegram (REPTO 4308, May 20), from our Paris office indicates that Eastern countries have shown considerable interest in the procurement of high grade abrasive grains and grinding wheels. ECA in Washington has been asked for advice regarding this movement, especially silicon carbide and aluminum oxide.

While a preliminary study indicates that certain countries of Eastern Europe do import abrasive materials in considerable amounts, we have been unable to discover any quantitative data which would indicate an unusual or excessive supply in transit from West to East.

This office would greatly appreciate any information that CIA has on this subject which may be used as a basis for a policy decision in advising our Special Representative at Paris. Particular reference is made above to silicon carbide and aluminum oxide which items are believed to make up the bulk of abrasive materials produced in Europe and exported to the Eastern countries. If possible, this information should be in the hands of our office for transmittal to Paris on or before 10 June 1949.

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